ANCESTRY

What is ancestry.com?   Ancestry is a subscription database service, not to be confused with your personal family tree history programs.   Ancestry still remains the largest genealogical data base collection, boasting over 15 billion records. It is growing by a million records every day. Family Search is second in line. With these two power houses of records working for you, they will open many doors for information about your ancestor. All this sitting right in your own home !

When trying to find an ancestor remember to always work backwards. That means starting with you! Don't try to find someone born in early 1800 for instance, and try to connect yourself to them. That task will be far too difficult given the number of generations between you and them.

I encourage you to place a public tree on ancestry. If the birth date is within the last 100 years, put nothing in the death date area. By placing nothing in this spot for date of death for the past 100 years ancestry privatizes it. You can invite others to your tree if you wish. There are filters in place where that person can contribute, edit or just see your tree. You control all these filters.

This class isn't to teach you every aspect of how to do family research. This class is designed to help you navigate ancestry.com making your searches more rewarding.

TYPES OF SEARCHES:
The global or basic search using only name, approximate age, plus or minus # of years, and place your ancestor may have lived.

The advanced search uses default settings to refine your searches. Try using the wild cards, question marks and asterisks options.

The category search uses the card catalog. It houses different data bases. You can narrow options to include only certain record types or certain locations. You can also search in this collection by checking out the latest added records. The site is being added to on a daily basis. If you don't find a record today, check back later to see if it has been added.

.......A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Photos and documents enhance our tree. They connect us on another level.

ADDING MEDIA: first have your ancestors profile page up. Click on the media you would like to add i.e. photo, document or video. Etc. This window will pop up.

Use jpeg for your photos and documents. At his time Family Search won't accept tiff files
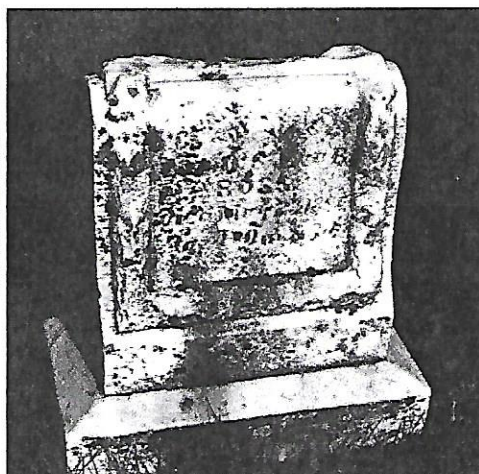
1. Select files you want to upload

ℹ Do you have a lot of files to upload? Try our enhanced media upload tool.

	Browse...
	Browse...
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	Browse...
	Browse...

[Upload selected files] or Cancel

Supported media file types and sizes

Photos - .jpg .jpeg .png .gif .tiff .bmp. Individual photo file size can not exceed 15 MB.

You can upload several documents or photos at a time to your ancestors profile page. Click on "upload selected files". Check the box of the item you wish to show as the primary item on the profile page. It's that easy.

Know the name of the file that your document or photo's are in.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH RULES

1- ALWAYS CITE YOUR SOURCES!
2- Never, ever assume another researcher's information is 100% correct.
3- Remember that every name has variations, check them all.
4- Never copy another persons public tree. Use it as a helpful aid.
5- Share freely with others and they will share with you.
6- Don't trust your assumptions, only sources.
7- Check and double check your facts before recording or sharing.
8- Take a second look at records... your answer may be right in front of you.
9- Don't limit yourself to only one or two research sites, look for options.
10- Go offline or order hard copies to expand your research
11- Back up your files monthly. Keep at least two copies of your research.
12- NEVER give up! You may not find what you are looking for, but the journey is always worth the effort.

TIPS

USE FILTERS

START WITH A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF DATA

EXPLORE SUGGESTED RECORDS

SEARCH COLLATERAL PEOPLE AND RECORD RESULTS

EXPLORE LINKS FOR OPTIONS

TRY WILDCARDS

FAMILY- like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions....yet our roots remain as one !